# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
# LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE TO DOMESTIC WOMEN OF RURAL AREAS
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**Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government provides any special assistance facilities to the unemployed youth and women of rural areas in connection with starting food processing units based on agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government proposes to formulate any such scheme in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) to (d): In order to promote food processing industries, plan schemes have already been implemented to provide financial assistance for establishment and modernization of food processing units, creation of infrastructure, support for R&D, human resource development besides other promotional measures to encourage development of food processing industries. These schemes are project-oriented and not State, area or community specific. However, under the scheme of setting up of Food Processing & Training Centre (FPTC), priority is given for SC/ST/OBC and women. Under the scheme, Rs. 2.00 lakh for fixed capital cost and Rs. 1.00 lakh as revolving seed capital is provided for single product line FPTC and Rs. 7.50 lakh as fixed capital cost and Rs. 2.00 lakh as revolving seed capital for multi product line FPTC.